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## Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 31, 2007. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## Broiler Chicks Placed Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 31, 2007. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through March 31, 2007 were 2.25 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 24 : 2007	Mar 3 : 2007	Mar 10 : 2007	Mar 17 : 2007	Mar 24 : 2007	Mar 31 : 2007
	Thousand					
AL	30,904	30,794	*30,124	30,707	*31,090	31,304
AR	27,872	28,089	28,240	28,016	27,095	27,991
DE	3,994	4,021	4,047	4,043	4,047	4,039
FL	1,365	1,366	1,364	1,364	1,365	1,364
GA	35,637	35,732	35,527	34,875	35,870	35,361
KY	7,390	*7,699	*7,556	7,497	*7,584	7,569
LA	3,802	*3,848	3,833	3,893	*3,924	3,924
MD	8,743	8,958	9,019	8,975	8,952	8,985
MS	19,044	19,135	19,149	19,281	19,193	18,936
NC	19,003	19,485	*19,400	19,305	19,326	18,348
OK	6,542	6,684	6,603	6,689	6,690	6,357
PA	3,890	3,999	4,005	*3,929	*3,799	3,866
<b>SC</b>	<b>5,452</b>	<b>5,624</b>	<b>5,383</b>	<b>5,479</b>	<b>5,422</b>	<b>5,388</b>
TX	14,639	14,639	14,935	15,169	15,105	15,016
VA	6,179	6,168	6,203	6,246	6,399	6,495
CA, MO, TN, & WV	20,203	20,243	*20,039	20,024	*19,660	20,436
19 State Total	214,659	*216,484	*215,427	*215,492	*215,521	215,379
Previous Year Total	216,954	216,951	216,768	213,555	211,053	213,715
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	99	101	102	101

\* Revised

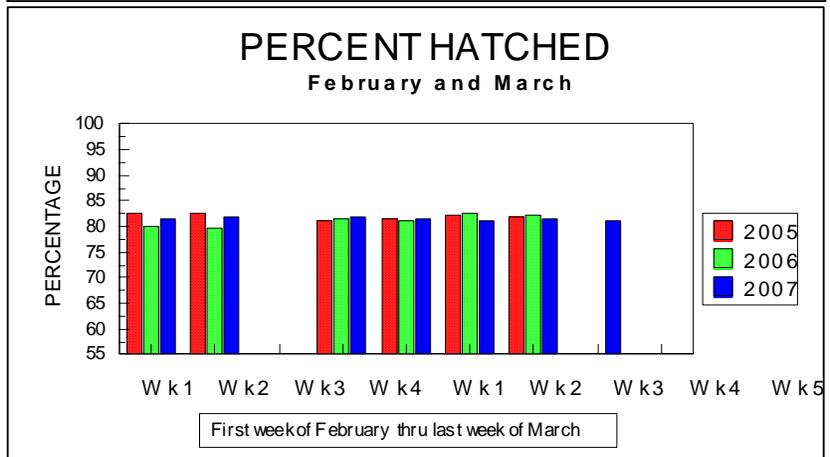
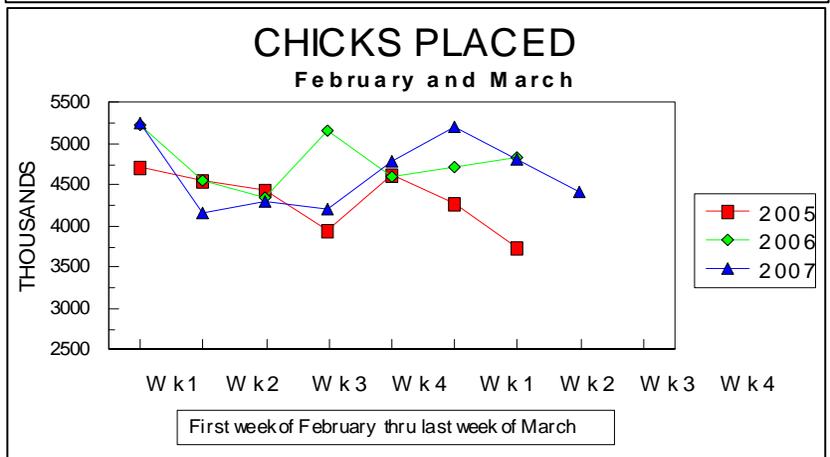
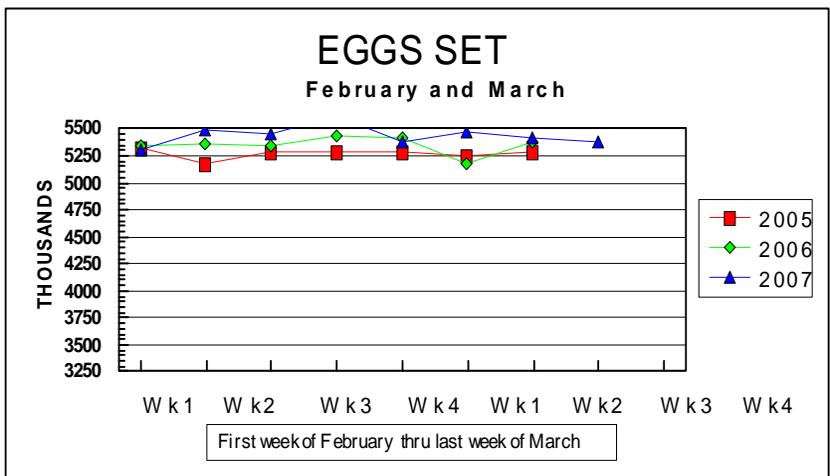
### Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Feb 24 : 2007	Mar 3 : 2007	Mar 10 : 2007	Mar 17 : 2007	Mar 24 : 2007	Mar 31 : 2007
	Thousand					
AL	20,504	20,640	20,491	20,132	*20,395	20,197
AR	23,169	22,890	23,452	22,410	24,627	24,830
DE	4,190	4,407	3,826	4,693	*5,768	4,449
FL	1,592	1,736	1,406	1,440	1,419	1,450
GA	28,793	28,851	*28,955	*28,527	*29,227	28,940
KY	6,034	5,733	6,390	6,545	*6,360	6,349
LA	3,592	3,890	3,454	3,998	*3,756	3,655
MD	5,778	5,890	7,029	5,929	*5,663	6,778
MS	16,956	17,131	17,289	17,397	17,043	17,335
NC	15,494	15,638	15,852	15,472	15,867	15,885
OK	5,252	5,100	5,061	5,574	4,548	4,365
PA	2,824	2,602	2,909	*2,744	*2,785	2,860
<b>SC</b>	<b>4,303</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>4,792</b>	<b>5,206</b>	<b>4,823</b>	<b>4,429</b>
TX	11,967	12,182	12,228	12,275	12,302	12,578
VA	5,011	5,122	4,819	4,901	4,593	4,758
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,175	17,425	*16,820	16,941	*16,132	16,969
19 State Total	172,634	173,437	*174,773	*174,184	*175,308	175,827
Previous Year Total	173,142	173,663	175,801	177,396	176,996	176,993
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	99	98	99	99

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